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# Votes for Catholic Women And Police Board Changes Pass Council; Arena Is Killed

## Provincial Legislation Will Be Sought, Including Right of Appeal to Supreme Court From Commission's Decisions—Montreal Hockey Interests Fail to Win Plea for Spadina Crescent Building

### SEPARATE SCHOOL REQUEST REFUSED FOR ELECTIONS ON CIVIC VOTING DAY

By a vote of 14 to 13, the City Council last night decided to ask the Provincial Government for legislation permitting Roman Catholic women to vote for Separate School Trustees, and that they should be so designated on the voters' list.

By a vote of 18 to 10, Council decided to ask the Provincial Government for legislation establishing a Police Commission in the City of Toronto, to be composed of a Magistrate or Judge, the Mayor, and a third person to be chosen by the two appointed members, and also to ask for the right of appeal from a Commission's decision to a Supreme Court Judge.

With only eight members voting against it, the Council accepted the Board of Control's report of non-concurrence in the request of Montreal interests that they be permitted to erect a sports arena on the site of old Knox College.

#### How They Voted.

The votes and their sponsors were:  
Request for legislation from the Provincial Government permitting Roman Catholic women to vote for Separate School Trustees, on a resolution submitted by Aldermen Quinn and Glass:  
Yeas—Ramsden, Chisholm, Beamish, Wadsworth, Hunt, Quinn, Elgie, Glass, Chamberlain, Rogers, Baker, Whetter, Johnston, Hamilton.

Nays—Robbins, Simpson, Hacker, Winnett, Siberry, Leslie, Holdsworth, Duckworth, Ryckman, Bray, MacGregor, Cameron, Stewart.

On the Legislation Committee report asking for the establishment of a Police Commission composed of a Judge or Magistrate, the Mayor, and one other to be chosen by appointed members.

Yeas—MacGregor, Hunt, Chisholm, Beamish, Wadsworth, Hamilton, Day, Elgie, Duckworth, Leslie, Holdsworth, Siberry, Phillips, Ramsden, Hacker, Robbins, Simpson, Stewart.

Nays—Bray, Quinn, Ryckman, Glass, Johnston, Whetter, Baker, Rogers, Chamberlain, Winnett.

#### Eight for Knox Arena.

Refusal to refer back to the Board of Control its report opposing the erection of a sports arena on the site of old Knox College by Montreal interests who were prepared to spend \$1,500,000 on the project:

Yeas—Siberry, Baker, Elgie, Bray, Hamilton, Hunt, Glass, Johnston.

Nays—Ramsden, Robbins, Simpson, Hacker, Winnett, Phillips, Leslie, Chamberlain, Holdsworth, Duckworth, Beamish, Ryckman, Day, Quinn, Wadsworth, Chisholm, Beamish, Whetter, Stewart.

The Council's decision to ask the Provincial Government to pass legislation enabling Roman Catholic women to vote for Separate School Trustees came after it had refused to endorse the request of separate school supporters that their annual elections should be conducted by the city at the same time and the same place as elections for other civic offices.

#### Big Deputation Appears.

Led by E. F. Henderson, Business Agent of the Separate School Board, a monster deputation of separate school

supporters appeared in the City Hall corridors as Council was gathering. The presence of Mr. Henderson and his deputation resulted in the appearance of Leslie Saunders, District Master for Ontario West of the Orange Order.

First on the original request of the separate school supporters and then on the second resolution giving Roman Catholic women the right to vote for Separate School Trustees, Alderman Harry Hunt and Alderman William Wadsworth, prominent members of the order and Conservatives, supported the plea of Mr. Henderson. Alderman Hamilton and others joined them.

The attitude of Alderman Hunt incensed Mr. Saunders, who is said to have taken him to task. Alderman Hunt heatedly replied he proposed to vote for what he believed was right and also that he proposed to stand by his fraternal principles. Eleven Aldermen voted for Mr. Henderson's request that the city should conduct separate school elections. They were: Johnston, Whetter, Rogers, Chamberlain, Glass, Quinn, Hamilton, Wadsworth, Beamish, Chisholm and Hunt. Alderman Wadsworth is Chairman of the Central Conservative Association.

Opening his argument in support of the separate school supporters, Mr. Henderson declared facts did not support the claim of Protestants that the requests of separate school supporters would be contrary to law.

"The Separate School Board duplicates the work of the City Clerk until until the vote is taken each year," said Mr. Henderson. "It is a large expense to the Separate School Board, and at the same time separate school supporters contribute to the general election fund. Our suggestion means only the addition of a few names to the ballot. At the same time, many mistakes are made. I believe the City Clerk will find no fault with me if I say he has stated that many of these mistakes can be eliminated if we can get the legislation through."

In reply to expressions of good-will as the deputation was leaving, Mayor Stewart advised Mr. Henderson that the Council could only express an opinion.

If legislation was not granted, the Council should not be criticized, and, if it were granted, the Provincial Government should receive the credit.

#### Says It Savors of Politics.

Opposing the Legislation Committee's report to establish a Police Commission consisting of a Judge or a Magistrate, the Mayor and a third person, Alderman Johnston declared that the legislation would place the Mayor in the position of saying who the third person should be and that it savored of politics. He stated that Council had confidence that the Mayor would represent the city's interests. Alderman Wadsworth, sponsor of the proposition, answered that Alderman Johnston's point of view was wrong, and insisted that the Mayor was above bias and prejudice and would not pay heed to lobbyists desirous of appointing the third man.

Alderman Baker asserted that Alderman Wadsworth's proposition was similar to a motion placed on the order paper some years ago by Sam Wright, M.P.P., when Mr. Wright was an Alderman. It was then advocated in certain circles by William Croft, a prominent Conservative.

"Any man who says politics would not enter into the Police Commission is wrong," said the Alderman. "Politics help elect our Mayor. This is recognized. The Government is political. The Government would appoint one man who, along with the Mayor, would appoint a third man who would work with the Chief Magistrate."

## 8 JUDGES PROVIDED FOR YORK COUNTY UNDER NEW BILL

### Additional Ones Will Also Be Named in Essex and Middlesex

### FARM BOARD FIGURES

An increase in the number of County Court Judges in the County of York from six to eight is provided in a bill which Attorney-General Price will introduce in the Legislature. Colonel Price yesterday afternoon filed notice of his intention to introduce the bill, which is an amendment to the County Court Judges Act.

Besides providing for an additional two Judges in York, it provides for one additional in Essex, and one additional in Middlesex.

Explaining the purpose of the new bill to the press, Colonel Price stated that the additional Judges were necessitated in York County by the fact that arbitrations were a year and a half behind; litigation was also behind. The additional Judges had been requested by the Bar Association and the Judges themselves. Appointments will be made by Ottawa.